



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

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ONE DAY LEFT TO PAY PROPERTY TAXES! ***Selected Libraries Available For Last-Minute Payers***

San Diego County property owners are reminded that the second installment of their 2000-01 property taxes is due tomorrow, Tuesday, April 10.

County Treasurer-Tax Collector Bart J. Hartman said taxpayers have a number of options for making their property tax payments. To save time, taxpayers are urged to mail their payments or make use of the various electronic payment options. To pay over the Internet using Visa or Electronic Check, sign on to the Treasurer-Tax Collector's web site at www.sdtreastax.com, and follow the prompts to the pay-by-Internet system. Property taxes also can be paid over the phone with a credit card. The number to call to pay by Discover card is (619) 236-2330, and the toll-free number to pay by Visa is (619) 685-2646. There are fees charged by the various providers for all these services. The specific fees are disclosed prior to completion of a transaction.

To assist residents who may not have paid their taxes yet, Tax Collector employees will be available at six library branches throughout the County to accept payments from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. on April 10th only. The library branches are the El Cajon Library located at 201 E. Douglas, El Cajon; Encinitas Library, 540 Cornish Drive, Encinitas; Lincoln Acres Library, located at 2725 Granger Avenue, National City; Poway Library, located at 13137 Poway Road, Poway; Vista Library, 700 Eucalyptus Avenue, Vista; and the Chula Vista Main Library, located at 365 F Street, Chula Vista.

"We will only be accepting payments by check at these locations," said Hartman. "We are experimenting with these branches to see if this is a service our citizens would like to have," added Hartman. Employees will be able to answer basic questions, but will not have access to the Tax Collector's computer systems.

Those who haven't received a tax bill, or need more information, can call the Treasurer-Tax Collector's 24-hour automated information line at (619) 236-2424. Branch offices are located at 334 Via Vera Cruz, #150, behind "Restaurant Row" in San Marcos, 198 W. Main St. in El Cajon, and 344 F St., Suite 200, in Chula Vista.

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